

Appl. No. 10/784,705  
Amdt. dated February 23, 2006  
Reply to Office action of November 29, 2005

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-22 are allowed, and that claim 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

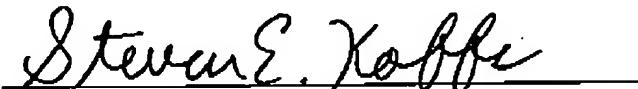
Claim 23 has been amended to include the features of claims 24 and 25, which are canceled without prejudice. Amended claim 23 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 26 and 27 are dependent on claim 23, and should now be in condition for allowance as well.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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